

Mills & Boon

Romance  
IS SHIT



poppy

VIOLET no 2

3






Hello, Welcome to Poppy.  
it really should be Violet number two but i  
found this cool seed packet + wanted to  
use it.

Crist, the time I spent writing in all the bits  
that didn't photocopy - I have learnt my lesson  
and am keeping well away from the edges  
now. Sorry this costs so much but the photocopy  
costs are pretty high.

Thanks to everyone who has written to me.  
You have made me laugh, cry, happy, angry  
and most important of all Think. The network  
is growing, things are really moving and all  
us nasty gurls are using our initiatives  
to their horrifyingly full extent -

**PETAL POWER!** 

Anyway, enjoy the zeen, if you like it tell  
me, if you don't, do something of your  
own that is even better.

Kisses,

Lucy doll ♡

P.S. Me can't  
spell, me am  
stupid.





"Whenever there's a quiet hour, I work on my steamy, sexy novel. The central character is a woman, but she's not me - she's blonde"

to the Rescue!

Nice one,  
So you tell  
the difference  
between women  
because of the  
colour of their  
hair?

intelligence in a girl was not sexy.

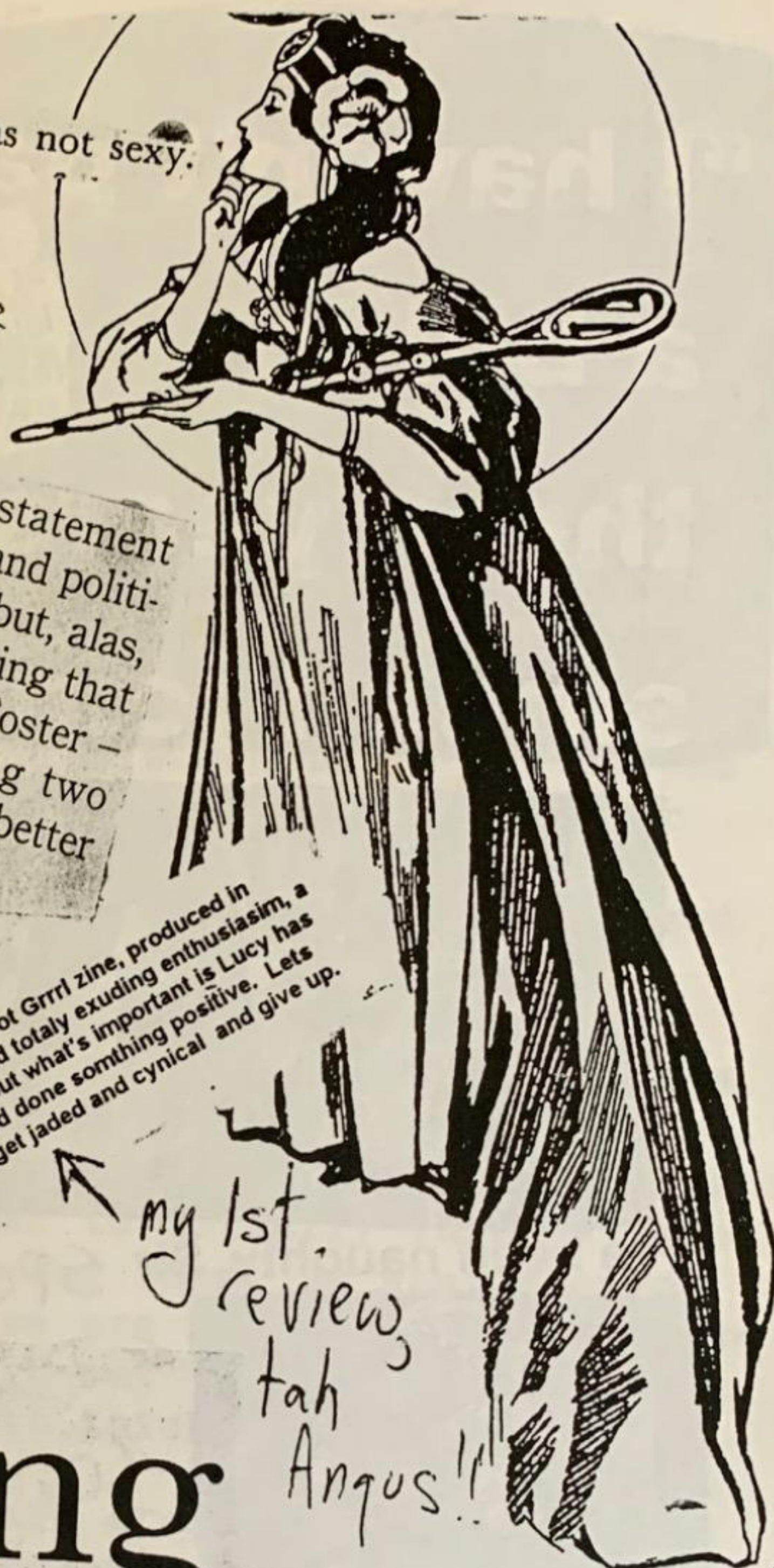
Shut the  
fuck up  
Barry  
Norman!

The following statement  
is both sexist and politi-  
cally incorrect but, alas,  
true: the best thing that  
has happened to Jodie Foster -  
better even than winning two  
Oscars - is that she gets better  
looking as she grows older.

DID YOU KNOW -  
recently in  
America it was  
decided that  
Elvis would  
appear on a  
stamp. Citizens  
voted for which  
image of Elvis  
should be  
printed. MORE  
PEOPLE VOTED  
IN THIS THAN  
IN THE GENERAL  
ELECTION.....

our, lets hope I got a u...  
VIOLET  
Glasgows very own Riot Grrrl zine, produced in  
double quick time and totally exuding enthusiasm, a  
bit naive in places but what's important is Lucy has  
got off her arse and done something positive. Lets  
hope she doesn't get jaded and cynical and give up.

my 1st  
review,  
tah  
Angus!!



Neglected Music!

Smile!



Sing  
if you're  
glad  
to be bi

THE average American  
prays six times a week,  
three times more than  
he has sexual inter-  
course

I ♥ GABBY  
LIONHEART  
I THINK SHE  
IS FABY





**"I haven't paid  
a bill in  
three years,  
since I joined**

*I'm the personal sex  
slave of the  
Lord Baby  
Jesus*



The men on the scaffolding next door got a better look at her this time, and set up a chorus of wolf whistles. She laughed and as she climbed into the car called across, 'I think you're building two super houses.'  
'You're a pretty super build yourself!' one shouted back,

**THE MASONS!!**



*These girls  
should have  
SHAT on  
2 live crew.*

*I've been naughty, Sir* **SPOT THE  
← DIFFERENCE →**



*(Only joking  
readers, that was  
nasty  
THERE IS NO  
DIFFERENCE!!)*



*She has  
time to enjoy*

*This was embarrassing enough, but the real humiliation was yet to come. The expert told me to bend over and shake my bosoms into the cups. I emerged red-faced with my bosoms, such as they were, pointing directly at the ceiling, well hoisted and conforming to fashion.*

*her home, she wouldn't want one of those silly jobs or anything*

*I dreamt last nite that miniature members of the Ku Klux Klan were sewing up my cunt - what the hell is that supposed to mean?*

*Only 2 members  
of TAKE THAT  
are straight  
HONESTLY!*





# Grrrrl Rants



Waffle!

Wow, It is really happening! Not that I doubted for a second that it wouldn't but when you start getting letters from loads of likeminded actionready grrrls etc it makes Riot Grrrl that bit closer and realer. I've never been happier or busier so screw anyone who says RG is pointless. I'm in love I'm in love.

Did anyone watch the Stepford Wives on telly a while ago - if you didn't I'll fill you in. It's a film made in the 70s about a family who move from NY to the middleclass suburb of Stepford. The mum meets all her husbands' friends wives who all luv housework and wear tons of make up and have 'perfect' figures and are content to cook and clean and have sex with their ugly old husbands when ever HE wants etc. The woman has a best friend who suddenly turns like this overnight and she fears for her sanity. It turns out the husbands are replacing their wives with replica robots who do everything a good woman is supposed to do. It was a tacky film but it started me thinking. This world is full of Stepford Wives, not actually robots but rotted on the inside by everything around us. Magazines, films, family, school, music, art, books, fashion etc all play a part in turning us into manfriendly little replicas of pretty, docile, weak Stepford wives. Men don't need to actually turn us into robots when everything else does it for them. So what should we do? Like the troublesome grrrls we are we should interperate and ignore the sneaky signalls and go out together and live the lives we deserve to the full with thick skin against the enemies and love for each other.

We are so smart! I'm doing my standard grades at the moment (thats why Poppy is so late in coming out - have to study. I have been trying but my little sisters friend lent me her GameGear so have been vegetating mostly instead) and to motivate us all some teacher - I can't remember his name, they all look the same - gave us a lecture about highers. He showed us the figures of pass rates and marks between girls and boys. The girls marks really outstriped the boys. Of course I had my suspicions that we were doing much better than the boys and this confirmed them. The usual ratio of passes favouring girls was 4:1, even in subjects like Maths and Physics which we are told are masculine subjects. The only course a boy got an A in that no girl did was Art - a female subject we are told. This made me feel happy, triumphant, important untill I remembered what the real world was like. In the real world all the smart, imaginative women get crushed by the male ego. We don't become brain surgeons, sky-divers, professional footballers, explorers, political figures or sculptures. We are mostly mothers, wives, primary teachers, nurses + secretaries - menial shit in other words. Low pay, low self esteem. BUT WE ARE SMART AS THE PASS MARKS SHOW! I think I am going to cry.



WE ARE POOR. We are fooled into depriving ourselves of money. Yeah, yeah, women are getting gradually more equal pay etc but think of the things a female who wants to compete in the money world HAS to buy. We spend our money on shit like

MAKE-UP FASHION MAGS PLASTIC SURGERY  
MORE+MORE EXPENSIVE CLOTHES DIET STUFF STYLISTS  
Most men never spend their money on the majority of these things. Ok, so what could we spend our money on instead?  
CLASSES DAYCARE FACILITES ART CENTRES CAMPAIGNS  
MORE AND BETTER TRANSPORT FOR GIRLS TRAVELING AT NIGHT  
SCHOLARSHIPS COMFORT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS  
FIGHTING AGAINST OUR UNFAIR LEGAL SYSTEM AND GOVERNMENT  
SEEING THE WORLD

But no, we buy things to make us pretty. More women will die in in a year in america of anorexia nervosa than anyone anywhere

has ever died of AIDS. What is wrong? where is the outcry? The campaigns? the investigations? They will never happen as we are unimportant. Don't feed the industries that make girls hate themselves, makes them feel that the way they look is more important then who they are, makes them starve themselves alianates themselves. I don't want the diet, make-up, perfume, pornography and fashion people getting rich at my expense. While the little stepford wives stay home and shave their legs we will go out and have some fun and help change things. By the way, I find the term a 'lipstick feminist' horrible. Anyone that says 'Just because I'm a feminist doesn't mean I have to be like a man' has a severe case of media nievety in my eyes.

Someone said I should not asume that Riot Grrrl will get bigger. How can't it? I find it hard to believe that once a girl discovers feminism she can turn her back on it again. Once you have peeped into the locked room you can never forget what you have seen , only the most superficial people will want to be in RG because it is the 'in thing' at the moment. Anyone can be in our gang as long as it is not for some credability trip or to be cool. People like that give us a bad name - especially when they write sad little letters to the Melody Maker just going 'fuck you!' and being unarticulate. We need to be smart so we can outwit and argue under the table sad gicks who look down on us so we don't seem like fools. Really people shouldn't form opinions when they havn't scratched the surface of what we are about. For instance, on the way to the Huggy Bear/Bikini Kill gig I met a guy I know who lives in m village who was going to the concert too. He was like "wow, yeah, Riot Girl is brilliant!" He really liked the gig. Then I met him on the way to the Lemonheads at the Barrowlands + thought I might give him a wee interview on his feeling on R.G. This time he was



completely negative. According to him we were hurtful and violent. We were sexist and childish and trying to use violence instead of word power. Of course his new opinions coincided with the sentiments now expressed in some magazine or other. Oh, incidentally, he and I shared an undying love of Daisy Chainsaw untill they became unpopular in the music press. I still love them - Katie-Jane gave me a gorgeous purple heart pendant which I completely treasure, all the letters she sent me are in a special box. He said we were vitriolic when I was the only grrrl he had ever met probably. He hates Daisy Chainsaw now ofcourse. I think we are nowhere near our peak at the moment as there is still too much media attention, I hate the idea of being a name to drop. Not untill we are gone from the short term memories of the mainstream music industry will we have the best time. They think we will stop caring as soon as we are out of fashion! When we are forgotten we can work from the inside out without the put downs, criticisms and dismissals with our network of fanzines, letters, phonecalls, music and friendships. To anyone who doesn't believe me I'll let them see all the phone numbers, letters, fanzines and photos any time you want.

Cuz grrrls are into power through friendship don't be upset if I come up to you and say hi at a gig or in the street or a shop or something. If I like what you are wearing or doing I will come over and say hello. I like the idea of you talking back without the fear of thinking I must fancy you or want all your money or am going to try and sell you Living Marxism (thats one thing that gets me - how can you SELL marxism, isn't that a contradiction?). I just want to be friends for fun and a chat and a swap of ideas. We need this ar our gigs - need to get rid of the enemy gap. No dirty looks or sneers at my dress top to toe sum up of my appearance ok? Lavish some of the attention you would reserve for your boyfriend or other boys on me! If you write to me you are my friend for life. There is nothing better to lift up your feelings then a letter from another Riot Grrrl. If you have been laughed at or read something nasty in the press or have been criticised then hearing from a fellow trouble maker is so good. The idea of chatting to the enemy (a prettier girl) I love. Don't think I am stupid just because I smile at you if you have never met me. Talk back even if I never see you again and don't even know your (real) name - it is basically fun. I think it's time for a Smiths quote "If there's something you want to try, I won't say no, how could I?"

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

If you somehow associate this with Riot Grrrl then think again. PC means you feel guilty for being who you are e.g. White, middle class, able bodied, heterosexual, male or not a minority group. It has nothing for thinking for yourself. It's all about rules and not going with what you



THINK, but what you are supposed to think. It is puritan. PC is humourless and instigated by holier than thou people. You get points for being one of the minority/suppressed/special needs groups and PC people feel they have to protect these people as if they have no voices of their own. Essentially, they put the barriers and divides back up. There is nothing wrong with actually giving a shit about someone other than yourself and shouting out loud about injustice and getting off your arse but the people who sit around going 'isn't life absolutely dreadful for these poor young ladies in the Serbian rape camps' while ~~they~~ they sit in their plush houses while others are actually campaigning. Things like Sting doing a song with Aboriginis but only releasing it on CD, or Cher doing a song and a little dance 'for the children', Micheal Jackson with his fun park for cancer victims etc make me sick. RG is not PC as we think what we want. If you hate men and want to kill them all that's fine by me - I may not want to but I'm not going to censor you. I may hate bands like Skrewdriver and 2livecrew but if they are censored might I be the next? We don't all do what Bikini Kill say is ok - we are smart enough to take these as ideas and eye openers, we take what we want from it and don't do what we don't agree with as we are our own girls united in an affectionate, exiting, funny, exhilarating, important, free organisation (though it is not organised). We, RG, are not PC OK, we R FAB!

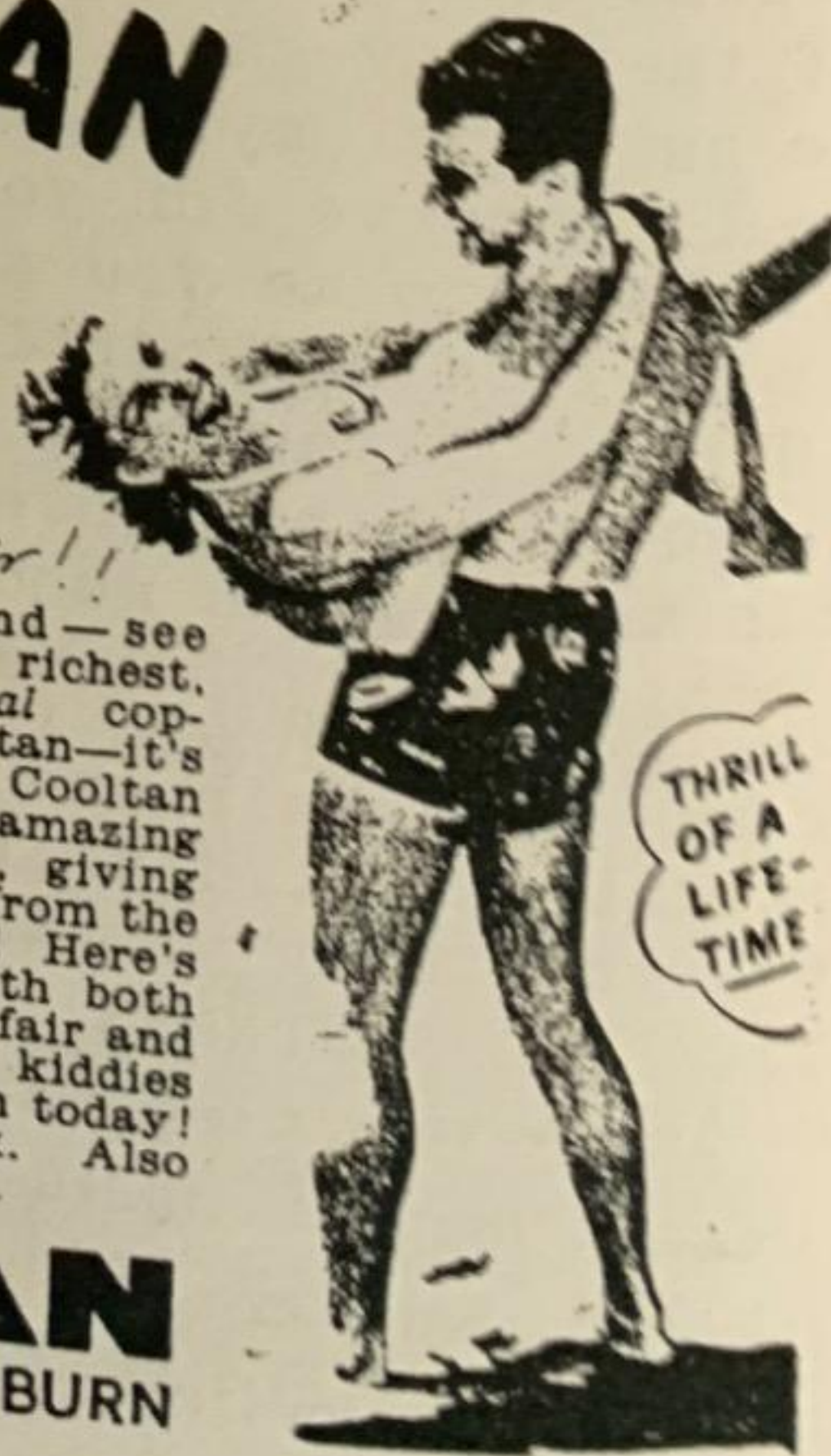
*What an incentive!*

**The girl with the MAN  
is the girl with the**

**TAN!**

Look around - see who has the richest, most natural copper-bronze tan - it's sure to be a Cooltan user! This amazing non-greasy cream works wonders with putty-pale skins, giving a rich, deep, Glamorous Tan - quickly, painlessly. Protects from the sun's harmful rays - no burns, blisters, peeling or freckles! Here's the SURE way to a healthy, attractive Tan - popular with both sexes. Cooltan does not come off in the water. Tans both fair and dark skins - safely! Gives super results with men, women, kiddies - in the garden or at the sea. Make new friends - get Cooltan today! From Chemists or Stores. tubes 2/2, 3/9 and 5/3 incl. tax. Also powder and lotion forms. P.S. You get similar results from 'Swiftan' plus a little camouflage via harmless colour - for those who want an instant TAN.

REGD. U.S. PAT. OFF.  
**COOLTAN**  
TANS FAST NO BURN



+ skin cancer!!



MODEL ME

STARVE ME

BURN ME

PULL ME

DRILL ME

CUT ME

NUMB ME

SHAPE ME

SLICE ME

CRUSH ME

BREAK ME

INJURE ME

SCAR ME

TRICK ME

KILL ME



WHETHER IT IS SELF INFLICTED OR NOT

AND THEN WHEN IT ALL GOES

HORRIBLY WRONG,

BLAME ME CUZ YOU FOOLED ME INTO DOING IT TO MYSELF

PAIN IS THE SAME



**VAUXHALL CORSA**  
The New Supermodel.

you like  
the way  
I look  
don't  
you?

No!  
Naomi!

The Vauxhall Corsa - The New Supermodel. Naomi Cambell was paid a quarter of a million reportedly for saying 'You like the way I look, don't you?' wearing military style bondage gear in what looks like a Auchwitz concentration camp torture room. I don't know about you, but to me this seems completely unfair, a quarter of a million just to say that? There's nothing wrong with being pretty or wanting to be beautiful but how someone could totally rely on how they look as a source of income makes me wonder if being a feminist is really worth the effort. If I was conventionally attractive I would never use my pretty power to sell clothes or whatever. I would hate the thought of my body being used as a tool against the rest of my sex, making young girls think they are ugly and fat and enferior. Enough of that though.

The new car from Vauxhall is being advertised by the use of semi clad models posing on them/beside them etc. It's blatant use of beaotypornography makes me ILL. Jo Brand, not just the funniest female comic, but the best comedian ever wrote to the company to complain and they replied with the comment "It is the first time women have been used in this way. We felt it would appeal to women." I think 'used' is the operative word here. I don't want to see emaciated girls, contorted<sup>in to</sup> submissive positions, anImal-style anywhere, let alone on top of a car bonnet and for the advertisers to suggest that I should actually like this is horrific! I guess all we can do is not to buy Vauxhalls and write to them and the papers that publish these ads. On billboards we can paint them up and spray them as I think billboard graffitti is part of our feminist heritage. Whatever you want to do to avenge this sexcrime do it with pride and think of poor little Naomi once she has reached 40 and will have lost EVERYTHING while we are still in our PRIME TIME (crime time). By the way, BUYBUY BUY (that was a bossy bit sorry) the VOODOO QUEENS single - SUPERMODEL SUPERFICIAL.

**COWBOY  
BITES THE  
DUST!**



← GOOD!



# TRANSVESTISM BIG INS AT HOME



Are there any guyes out there who like the idea of wearing dresses? John from the Yummy Furs wears a dress + tights on stage but I'm sure he must have sneaked into his girlfriends wardrobe at least once.

Of course, some boys would look really stupid - imagine Arnold Swartzammer in a tutu - harrowing thought. But the skinnier, shorter, geekier members of the male sex would look pretty sexy in a little pink frilly number.

There have been some claims to the TRANNY throne recently, some of the worst are -

Loz from Kingmaker, he may be nice looking but he is still a twat

The Chainsaw Kittens, poser rich kids in feather boas. Suede, there videos are full of girls with pencil moustaches but they can't quite pull it off.

I reckon bands like Poison and Van Halen and Kiss are a big bunch of lipstick wearing wankers too.

Some of the best tranny stuff came from -

Darcy Chainsaw, Crispins + Richard looked great but not as theatrical as Katie.

Hole, My beautiful son is so cool. banned Pink Floyd, Arnold Layne got ~~banned~~ cuz it was about <sup>the guitarist</sup> a guy who nicked nighties from washing lines. <sup>from Smashing Pumpkins</sup> <sup>was a nice</sup> <sup>dress in</sup> any future transvestites out there - DO IT and if you haven't got anything good to wear, pop round to my house + you can borrow some of mine. Which do you prefer - velvet, gingham or lace? ♥





Dear Lucy,

Hi. My name is Sara, Alara's best friend. I think Alara has written about me. I read 'Violet' and although I enjoyed it, I disagree with many of the points you made concerning feminism. I am a feminist. By saying this I mean that I am my own person, I refuse to be a second class citizen. I am equal to any man. I will not accept derogatory remarks. I do what I want to do and will not be held down by anyone - male or female. And that is my interpretation of being a feminist. But after reading 'Violet' it seems to me that you are not preaching this. You are telling women what to be. The Riot Girl movement is brainwashing women and you are doing the same with your fanzine. You resent the way we girls are expected to shave our legs, wear make-up, not fart in public and hate cellulite. But you seem to think it is alright for you to tell young girls that, in order to be a feminist they must not shave their legs, they must not wear make-up, they must feel free to fart in public and they must love or look forward to having cellulite in order to be feminist. You are telling them what to do! Is this not wrong? Is feminism not about being your own person? Making your own decisions? I refuse to let you make me hate myself and force me to be something I am not. It is my life! I don't care if you think I'm ugly. I am happy just to be me! Leave me alone!

This bit is a quote from Violet  
Readers

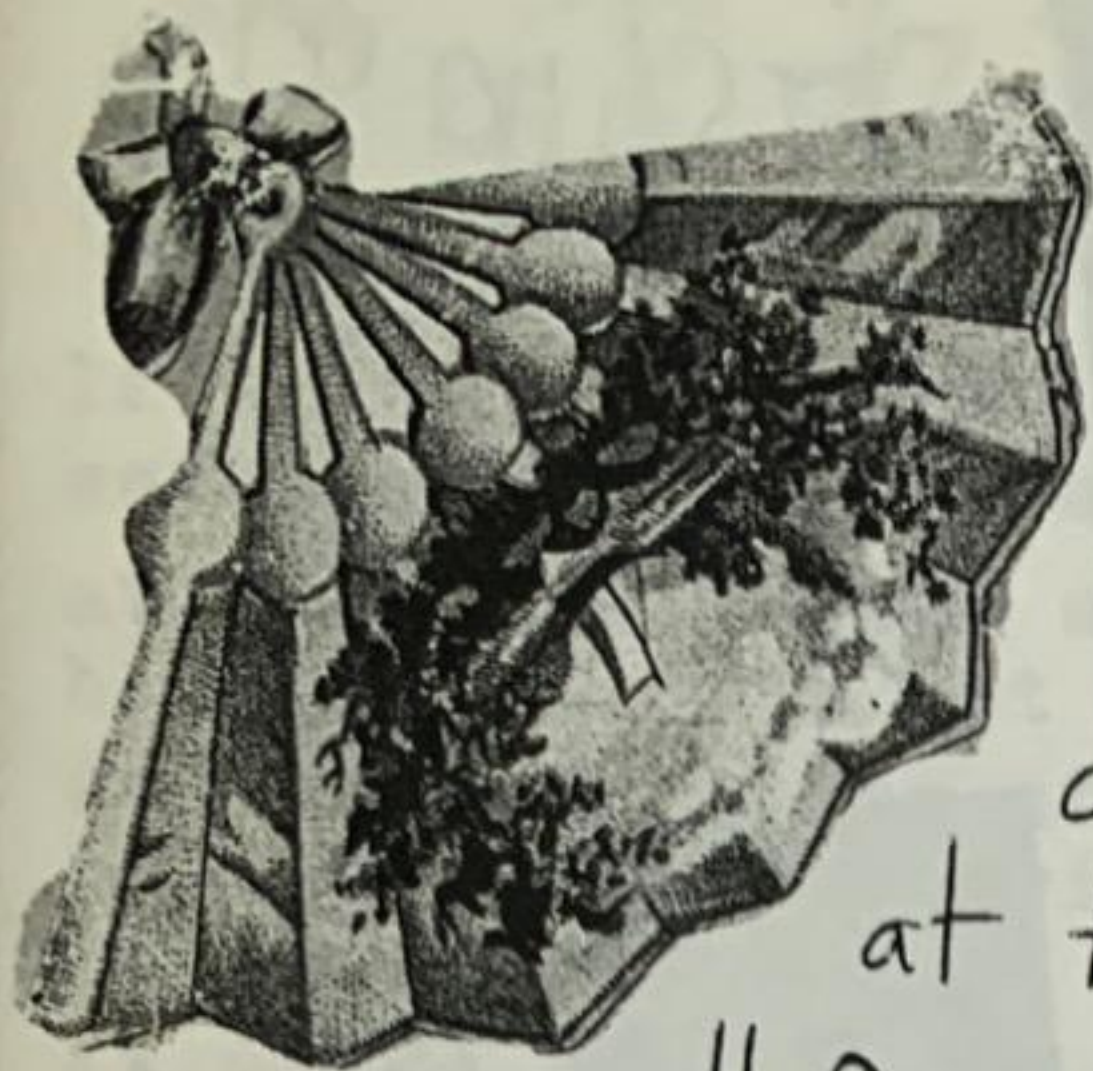
This statement is excellent. It can be used in many different circumstances. But, Lucy, when using a statement like this why run it by contradicting yourself. You are forcing feminists to be what they are not. Burning porn shops, fur shops, private schools and beating up men is beyond the extreme. By all means write a fanzine. Preach to girls tell us we are equal. But leave a girl her freedom of choice. Do not go as far as to brainwash girls into thinking they must do as you do in order to be feminist. Cause Riot Girls is becoming dangerous. It is soon going to become a fascist movement. Please Lucy, don't get in too deep. Be your own person but don't let yourself be brainwashed. And remember when writing a fanzine for other young girls you are in charge. You are influencing them. So please stop messing with my head!! I love 17. I adore Bikini Kill. I admire Hole. But I refuse to be brainwashed. I am equal to my male friends. But that does not mean I want to be a man. I feel better shaving my legs. I enjoy wearing make-up, but not cause I'm ugly, ashamed or trying to impress a guy. But because I respect myself and want to look good. When I look good I feel good. Girls shouldn't stay silent, we are equal. But there are limits. Stay equal, but Lucy, stay safe! Don't let anyone mess with your head.

Sara xx

P.S. Please reply.

Letter





I have written Sara a long letter. Actually she is completely right at the Riot Girl H.Q. we have this special laboratory where we brainwash all those poor young girls out there - it has lots of electrodes and chemicals + what's more WERE coming to GET YOU + drag you screaming till we have you in our clutches - he he! Thank you for your advice Sara, I'll try not to "get in too deep" + have already bought my platform heeled shoes + chucked out my spray paint - I'll "stay safe". I thought my fanzine was an ALTERNATIVE to the DIT culture but it turns out I'm just a wee Hitler!! Your right Sara, there are "limits" - I'll try + suppress the urge to love my big wobbly thighs so I can be a post feminist like you,

#### WHY DO WE LOVE OUR MEN?

7 Because he'll come into the bedroom - where you are standing despairingly in your underwear unable to do up the zip on a skirt you haven't worn for six months - and say, 'Have you lost weight? You look thinner'.

I wouldn't want anyone to think I was a LESBIAN would I? Yes, Riot Girl needs to be pretty + safe so the media can deal with it - Sara I love you. ♥

## Aunt Mary's Good Deed



If you suffer from HEADACHES, RHEUMATIC PAINS, NEURALGIA, NERVE PAINS & SLEEPLESSNESS try getting a vibrator + working yourself at once! Obtainable everywhere.

### VIBRATORS®

Come in sizes - 1/6" and 3/8" inc. tax





Leave your daily life behind...

It's up 2 US NOW!

GO GREELS!

RIOT GREEL REVOLUTION



HEY WOMAN!  
GET ON YOUR KNEES & SUCK MY COCK! GET YOUR TITS ON...  
(cock)

Not all guys are thick as pig poo but we need to fight those who are proud of it!



Master, 30, seeks unimcumberd submissive female, no kids. Position, my own personal slave in my home. If you are interested you can get more information by calling PHONE CODE 386.

No chance mate!  
The pay would have to be very good.



# Get Your Mit From Titi!

If there is a valid reason for girl only gigs it has to be the sexual harassment factor. It's not even as if it only happens at Whitesnake gigs as I have been touched at the nicest of bands gigs. I'm not talking about the occasional drunken adolescent leering at you and asking if you fancy a snog either. It can't just be dribbling 40 year olds in dirty macs who do this can it? I know it is a very small amount of guys who do this but if anyone out there has done these things to girls (or boys actually) please think again - it does not turn us on!

I don't consider myself a severe victim or anything but here are the times that I have been harassed at concerts.

Sept 91 Dinosaur Jr I am grooving away down the front when this drunken, 10 tonne man decides he wants to dance with me. He ~~completely~~ leans on me and I nearly fall over. He grabs me again (god this typewriter is fucked!) but I run away.

Nov 91 Senseless Things It is really squashed but having a good time untill I realise that the man behind me, who has been hanging on to me, has put his hand up my t-shirt and trying to get into my bra. I tried to get away but couldn't move. He then starts to try and pull down my shorts! I try to turn my head but my hair is caught in the badges on his jacket. I feebly try to elbow the man out am so scared I don't put up much of a fight. Eventually I squirm away and I don't see him again untill - and check this - he comes over to me offers to buy me a drink and says hi! This man still has strands of my green hair caught on his jacket and he is acting like he picked me up. This really shook me - I was only just turned 14 for gods sake!

Nov 91 Nirvana The QMU is packed to capacity. I'm so squashed my feet aren't even touching the ground. Same old story I suppose, a boy keeps trying to kiss my neck - I can't move, I just tell him to piss off and he does.

Feb 92 Lush This was really freaky. I'm really drunk and right at the barrier. A guy behind me shoves my head right down so I am bent double over the bar. He has a hard-on and presses it into the back of my jeans. Then a man in a HOLE t-shirt leans over and asks if I would like a shag. Then some asshole keeps grabbing my hand and squeezing it. The bouncers pull me out.



March 92 Daisy Chainsaw. I slam dive and a boy jumps on top of me. We sink to the floor and when I get up I am in his t-shirt. I pull my face from his sweaty armpit and apologise, but he thinks I must fancy him and he keeps trying to chat me up.

March 92 Rollercoaster Your usual pervert shoving his greasy cock into the back of my dress. I punch him in the groin.

Oct 92 Daisy Chainsaw A boy behind me who looks about 14 or something thinks he's really turning me on by rubbing me up between my legs - the little turd. I punch him in the plumbs.

Oh, at the Lunachicks gig me and my friend Emma were standing next to some neds who spent the majority of the concert talking about the various members bodies' and how much they were 'dying for it'.

No-one should have to put up with being touched etc let alone at a gig. I have been called a groupie just for being a girl into music by a good looking band (though I must admit, if I had the chance would willingly have shagged Kathleen from BK) Maybe if the bands made it clear through their music, interviews or publications that they are on the side of the women on these occasions than guys might be less willing to PUT THEIR MITS ON OUR TITS! The problem with gig harassment is the fact that at the time you are too freaked out to do anything about it properly. Here are my DOs and DON'ts  
DO wear what you want to gigs. Just because you are in a red rubber mini skirt and fishnet tights does not give them the right.

DO tell the bouncers if you feel no-one else will help. These meatheads may be thick but they probably throw a better punch. They will probably think they are defending your honour or something - just humour them.

DO scream at the top of your voice 'oi, get your hand out of my pants!' so everyone can hear. Ask everyone around you to help kick his head in. They rely on you being confused and frightened - prove them wrong.

DO tell the band if you see them after the show. Unless they are NWA or something they will probably sympathise. They might even make sure their fans know how they stand on this at their next gig. If they don't - why are you going to these losers concerts? DON'T just ignore it and hope it goes away.

DON'T dismiss other girls who this has happened to - I hate the comment 'she's so ugly that no-one would want to rape her'

Maybe going in groups is the answer?



# Review Stuff

GOD IS MY CO-PILOT BRITTLEHIP YUMMY FURS  
Tuesday 1 June Wee Red Bar Edinburgh

Have you all heard of God Is My Co-Pilot? Peel plays them alot, You can get their stuff from Missing and they are BRILLIANT! The night before I saw them in Glasgow with Tsunami which was good but I had to leave really early because I had to catch the bloody bus. Anyway, me and Sunni sauntered over at 8pm and chatted with the bands a bit and had some curry, everyone was so nice and friendly and we were the band, your the fan therefore we are better than you if you know what I mean.

First were the Yummy Furs. The singer/guitarist, Jon had this really cute green dress on which he looked cool in cuz he's skinny and geeky and has orange spikey hair. They were quite hardcore - really fast and abrupt and complex, hardly any chords at all. They were so exiting and freaky, I really love them as I go for the 'short and sweet' style which is present in lots of Glasgow bands.

Brittlehip are so scary - I can think of no other band that are a saxophonist, 2 drummers and 2 bassists which could all be professional jazz musicians, honestly, the only thing that would inspire me to learn the guitar or bass properly is them, to be like them. They are weird to describe except as freeform jazz gone hardcore, with all the songs very complex and coming in waves and hard as FUCK as the drummers kept having these kinda musical duals and staring each other <sup>out</sup> and getting faster and madder to try and compete - mind you, so did the bassists. I especially liked the bassist on the right because he looked like such a thug, straight out of Barlinnie prison in his musclet-shirt and fierce expression but he actually was really nice, just goes to show you can't judge by appearances. There are no vocals, just a saxophone for the melody which worked really well.

It was a bit of a shame that not many people turned up who weren't there the night before. Practically all the people who were at the front last night were there again - maybe it was because the Velvet Underground were playing in Edinburgh too. Hmmm. Let me describe how God Is My Co-Pilot look. The mad bassist is exactly like Janet Street-Porter (but don't let that put you off).

~~There~~ Sunni did most of this page, her Edinburgh riot girl zine "Sugar + Spice" should be out soon.



The guitarist is so cool. He looks like Uncle Fester from the Addams Family only he is about 7 ft tall - he's another person that proves you shouldn't judge by appearances because he is really friendly and funny and I love him extra special because he dedicated their set to little me (eeeeekkkkk - thats me exited by the way). The drummer looked like my mum gone Jewish. She had on a pleated, long skirt, a black t-shirt tucked in and had short hair. What made her so strange was that even though she looked like a primary teacher she still played the drums like she was on speed! I'm sorry, I'm so narrow minded that I just couldn't handle a punk in court-shoes but thats my problem. The singer Sharon is one of my heroins now. She is small and wears cute dresses and////oh who gives a fuck how she looks she is smart and sings sexy songs about being a dyke (I love that word so much dykedykedyke) and has the best collection of toy guns EVER.

As I said, the bassist is so mad, she is so fast and juddery and plays with an orange (yes, an orange readers) instead of a plecty. The guitarist Craig played a bit with kitchen utensils too. The drummer looked kinda scared all the way through the set also - still think they are sane?

The music is really good but intangible to describe. Some songs sound like Sea Shanties, some your usual hardcore type style and some really quiet and frail. Sharon has such stage presence, skipping about and staring unnervingly at everyone sometimes. I liked 'Handsome Molly' best and the one about the girl with the big brown eyes who took Sharon's hand and put it on her thigh (if you havn't kissed a grrrl already this will make you want to completely). They didn't seem as adrenalised as last night, my theory is that the wee red bar is too big and draughty whereas Nice n Sleazy in Glasgow is small and packed and sweaty. I actually hate NnS because unless you are right at the front, you cant see a thing and Angus says they are ripping the Glasgow Music Collective off anyway.

Another thing that made it a little less enjoyable than last night was the fact that the bands didn't actually start to play untill 11.30pm so the Pilots did not come on till 1am and I was ready for my bodybys, even so, Sharon and Craig RULE geeky coolness.

It was a great gig, I made new friends, got a penpal called Willie from Toronto who owns a club and organises Riot Grrrl gigs sometimes and persuaded a man who owns a record label to send me some freebies if he liked Violet.

WOW, this Riot Grrrl stuff is really getting underway huh?  
YIPEEEEE!!



## SINGLES

### THE SLITS - TYPICAL GIRLS

I don't know much about the Slits as when they were around I was at nursery or primary and probably thought I was a rebel cuz I was into Shakin Stevens or something. First the name, thats such a cool name - would Hole or The Muffs or Discharge have been called so if it wasn't for the Slits? This is not your usual punk - much more SKA which is good - I love the Specials, but the only annoying thing about this song is the wee piano chords every now and then, they remind me of FAME or something. I suppose another draw back is that Budgie fae Siouxsie and the Banshees plays drums on this - sorry, I just think he's a twat I'm afraid. The singer is really good - all breathy and trilling but somehow comes out menacing aswell. I prefer this to Return of the Giant Slits stuff which is good but a bit too tribal for me but this has got the balance right. I think this song is about sengas and if you act like a typical girl you end up with the typical boy which is a horrible but true fact. Why arn't they mentioned up there with the Sex Pistols and Minor Threat? Oop, I forgot - they are female.

### TEEN BEAT 100 teen beat

What a bargain - 10 bands for 3 quid! I havn't got anything on teenbeat before so this is a pretty good find.

BLAST OFF COUNTRY STYLE - wiener dude attitude. This is so good!!! Erm, its punk rock wrapped in cotton wool, its got the controlled ness of pop but is too Radio 2 to be pop.

EGGS - baked alaska. Hmmm, I never thought I liked trumpets but it turns out I do!

TSUNAMI - brickbook building. This is one of the best songs on this - it reminds me of summer so much its a bit short though, mind you, they all are.

BUTCH WILLIS - falling in love. Sorry Bitch, it doesn't wash with me - pure shite.

UNREST - Collisions. This is really good but not as cool as the one about the skinhead girl - that is brill. I bet they are all dead sensitive.

THE SHOE TREES - Collisions (sorry, the Unrest one is actually called International Nautical miles) This is pretty shit too, you can't dance to it man.

BRATMOBILE - There's no other way. Evvr since Riot Grrl I've just lost most interest in boy stuff, I'm sorry but it is the truth. This is the BEST bratmobile song they have ever done, especially after hearing Blurs latest efforts. 'modern life



is rubbish ' they moan - DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT THEN YOU WEE  
TWATS. Yup, this is so sassy and membranasy with its non-  
existent bassline. It could do with some of those bongoes  
they used on Kiss + Ride.

SEXUAL MILKSHAKE - the united states of arousal. Spacey beeps  
and a wierd singer. Thats it.

COBALT - Saturday. This band were put together just to go on  
this record - thats the spirit!!! Bands forming in the hall +  
playing together on the spur of the moment. Shame the songs a  
bit weedy.

LOS MARAUDERS - slicker than snot. This is the way gallon drunk  
would be if they were good I think.

#### OTHER GOOD STUFF

STARS KILL ROCK kill rock stars

SHE'S GOOD PEOPLE wordcore volume 5, kill rock stars

new TIGER TRAP album, don't know what label. Maybe K as  
thats what Supercrush is on.

*Beatmobile - Potty mouth*

*Tribe 8's new album - shits on*

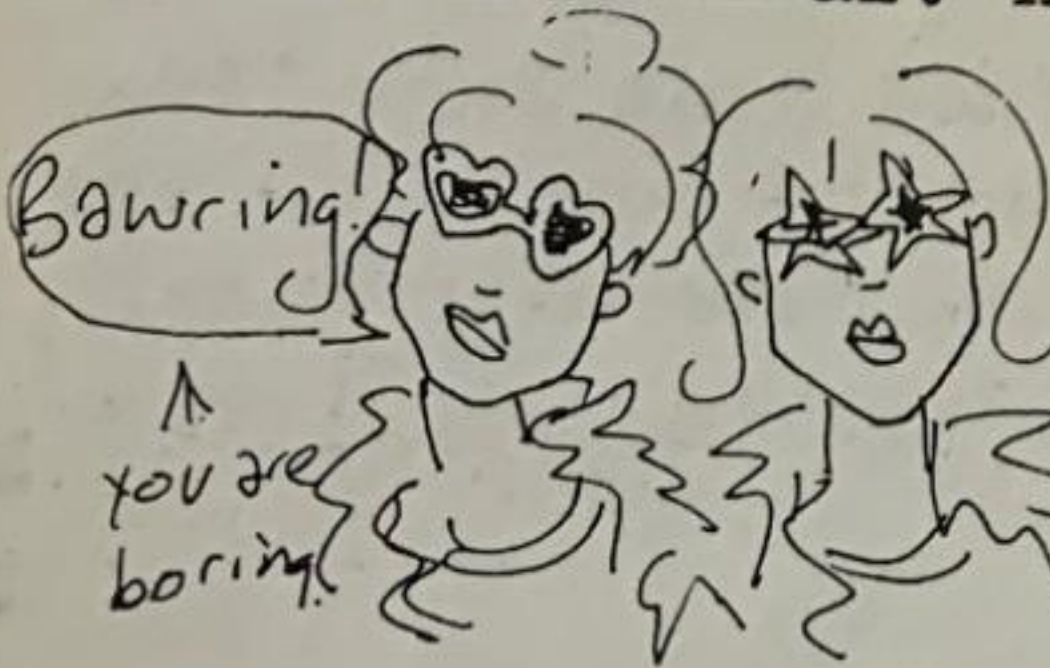
*buy rock completely*

*Shoplifting* ★



Courtesy of the shoplifting king Ashley 'sponge cake down the  
cambats' Collins. Tower Records on Argyll street is the site of  
Poppys nicking techniques.

HOW TO GET TAPES. RIGHT you go to the 2nd floor where the  
indie/thrash tapes, games and t-shirts are. Pick out your  
selected tapes - the bigger your pockets the more you can pinch.  
Then you wander off to the t-shirt bit, tapes still in hand and  
try to pretend to find one right at the back. While you pretend  
to admire this shirt, checking the cotten to nylon ratio and  
generally ponder on wether you will buy it or not, pull the  
plastic covers from the tapes and chuck them on the floor. You  
pocket the tapes and saunter nonchalantly off deciding the  
t-shirt was too expensive after all. Combat trousers, those  
trousers that skaters wear that have the crotch touching the  
ground and those linen jumper things with the big pocket at the  
front are ideal. Happy Shopping all you nickers out there!!!



*Shampoo*

*Miss June + July  
centre folds of the  
peadophelia's  
calender*

**"I accuse you of ruining my  
career."**

Jello Biafra points the finger at  
Tipper Gore of the PMRC on The  
Oprah Winfrey Show.



Her father looked worried; she always seemed to be worrying him lately.

### Mailroom clerk — Reggie

I worked at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank on Capitol Hill. It's a group of attorneys, columnists, whatever, who crank out — daily or weekly or whatever — information. It's printed downstairs, in the xerox room, and distributed to senators, congressmen, and other influential people.

I got the job right after high school. I had never heard of the organisation and just found the job through a newspaper. When I was working there, I would occasionally glance at what they were putting out and realised that they were doing fucked-up things, like defending business practices in South Africa and US investments there.

They have a big fundraising deal, and when they sent out fundraising requests, people would mail in checks. Sometimes they'd be huge amounts, and sometimes they were piddling. So I'd randomly take an envelope, open it, see how much it was, and throw it in the shredder.

I started doing it more and more. I could tell if it was a check by holding it to the light. If so, I'd toss it, dump it or shred it.

What a cool guy! If you think this is sneaky read more in  
**SABOTAGE IN THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE**  
It is £9.95, AK Press  
3 Barmoral Place, Stirling  
Scotland FK8 2RD.

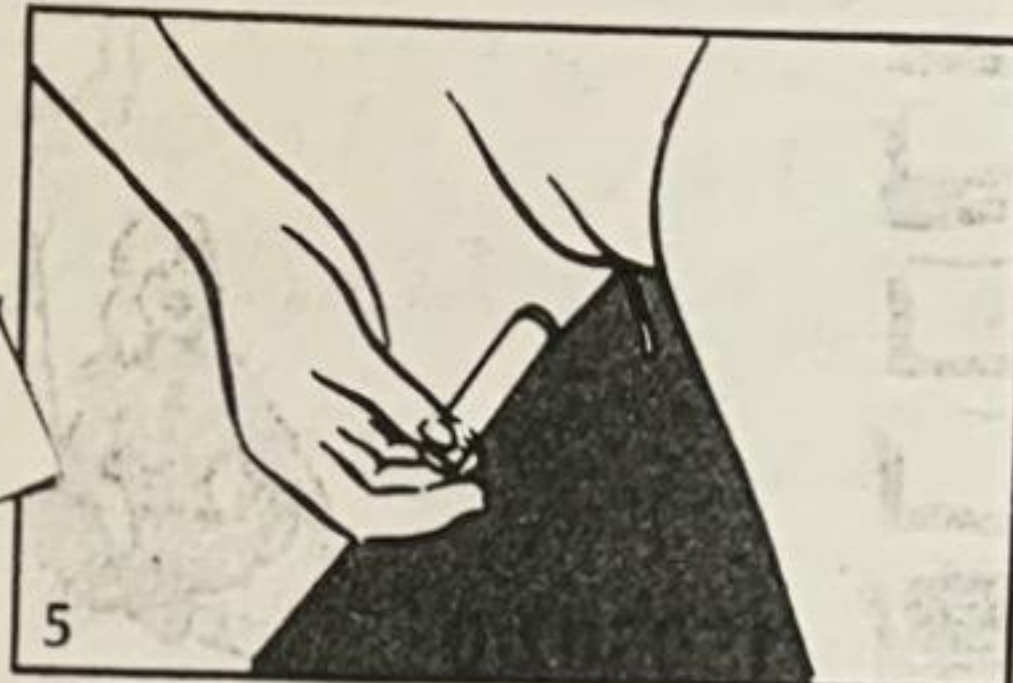
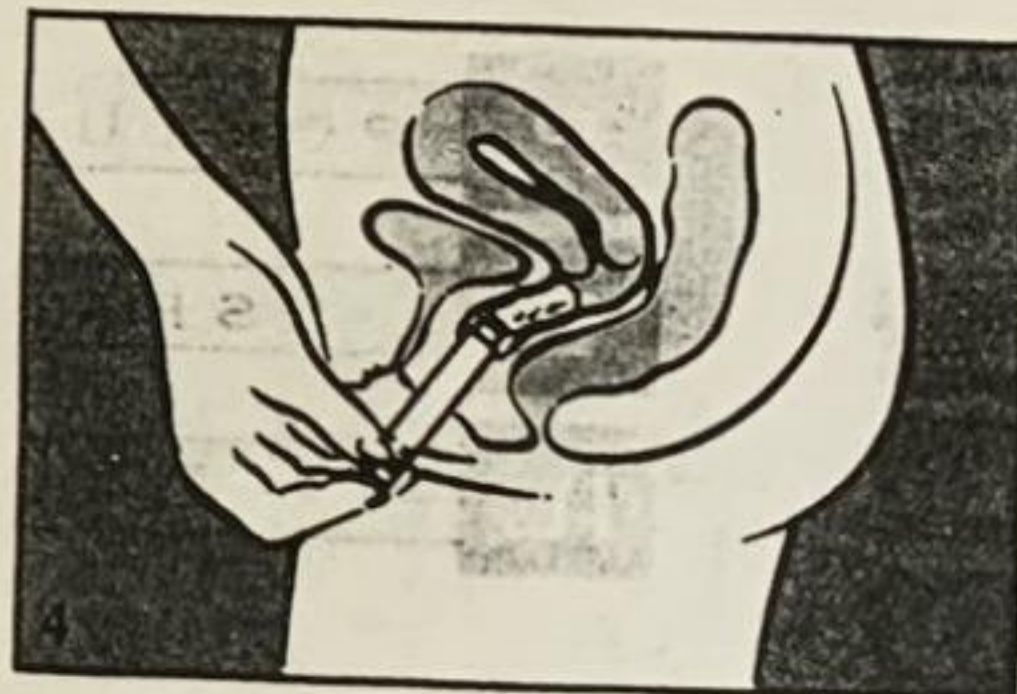
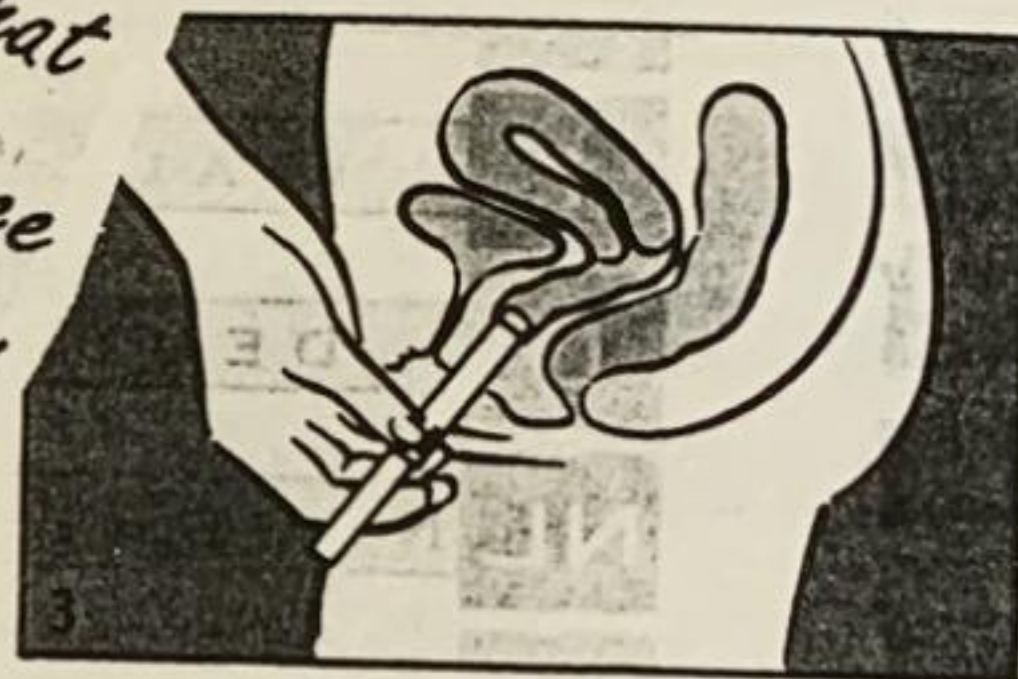


So that's how you finance your huge wardrobe. I knew it wasn't your cooking that Kurt married you for.



**MASSAGE**  
A SENSUOUS TOUCH  
'MAGIC FINGERS'  
Please Call  
**COURTNEY**  
**892-0923**  
(not an agency)

lalalala church of satan





# THE PERFECT BOY-RIOT BOY ♡

AM NOT ENFORCING STEREOTYPES - JUST INDULGING IN A FANTASY! - O.K.

## In his pocket

Lip salve (so he doesn't get chapped lips)

A packet of lovehearts or a lollypop.

Condoms

Pocket book to write down lyrics + love letters.

## Where to find him

In the corner of the football pitch  
having a fag + hoping the teacher doesn't ask him to play.

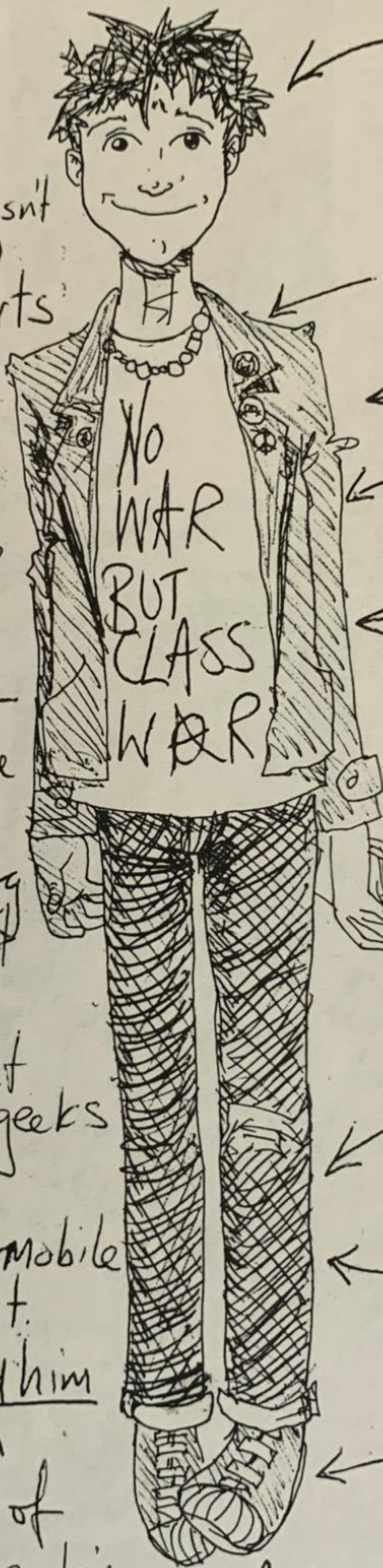
Hanging around at school with the geeks no-one likes.

At a Pastels/Bratmobile gig down the front.

## Where not to find him

In the army / gym

Down the front of a MacLads gig, gobbing on everyone in time to the music



Cuts his own hair, the longer look is also cool too. Nice colour eg blue, white, red.

Sensitive beads

cool badges

Nicks + makes his clothes.

Socialist to the core.

his fanzine, he is in a band with 3 other girls - he plays bass.

skinny - so you can push him about a bit.

Doesn't usually wear jeans & mostly wears too-small dresses

Has small feet so you can wear his shoes.

A good man is hard to find - I ♡ mine (what Kate thinks)



# Bring Out The MACHO MAN In YOU With The Macho Machine™

One day at the beach...



"Hey, man! Don't let this happen to you!"



"Build a body that gets you respect."

"My WWF Macho Machine pumps you up—fast!"



BALDING MALE

Change your life in a big way. You don't have to be a WWF Superstar to have a great body. You just need the right body-building equipment and the desire. Build a body that attracts attention and gets you respect with your own WWF Macho Machine from ExerScience.

The WWF Macho Machine builds muscles faster and safer.

Its unique omnikinetic resistance builds your muscles faster than free weights or rubber band machines. It delivers varying resistance that pushes your muscles to their maximum at every point in the exercise. It's the same type of resistance used by health club equipment costing thousands! It's safer because there are no weights to fall on you or rubber bands to snap back at you.

The fastest and easiest way to get the body you want.

The WWF Macho Machine builds your body like no other machine:

- ◆ Over 30 muscle-pumping exercises build every muscle in your body
- ◆ Adjust resistance from 5 to 400 pounds in a snap
- ◆ Faster, easier workouts—no awkward weights or rubber bands
- ◆ At only \$339.95, it's the best value in strength training.

12 weeks later...



"Get back into the ring with your new 'macho' body. Oh, yeah!"

Get lost!

ONLY \$339.95!  
Or 4 easy payments of \$84.99!

30-day in-home trial  
Satisfaction guaranteed

ORDER YOURS TODAY!  
1-800-445-2209  
Ext. 39112

or mail to: ExerScience, Dept. 2992  
104 Heaven Road, Chaska, MN 55120  
Include one payment of \$84.99 or total of \$339.95 plus \$19.95 S. & H. tax (min. order \$100)  
Check and money orders accepted. Visa and MasterCard.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERSCIENCE**  
now NordiTrack

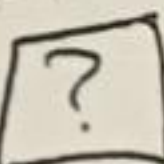
The best new ideas in fitness come from ExerScience.

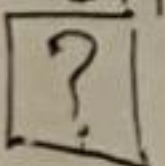
NordiTrack reserves the right to change prices and specifications without prior notice.  
©1992 NordiTrack, Inc., a G.A.I. Company. All rights reserved.  
WWF is a registered trademark of Titan Sports, Inc. Used under license.



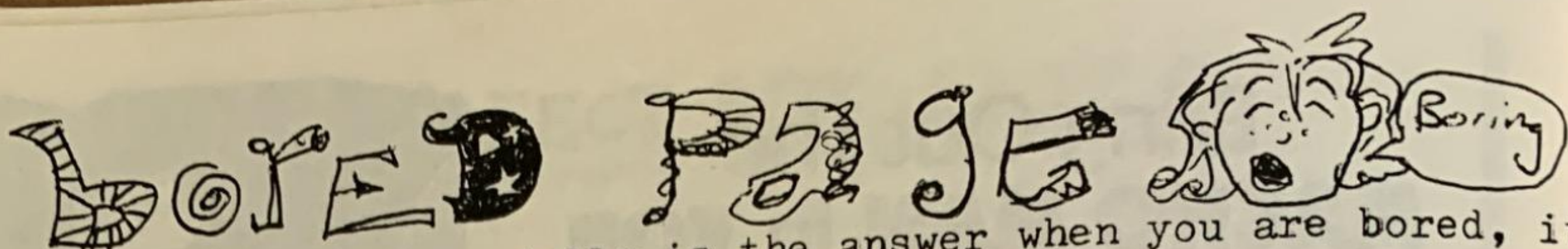
I just found all my old Sex Pistols stuff & I forgot what a giant crush I had on Johnny Rotten-phewer. I don't know why I liked him, all my friends fancied New Kids on the Block + Micheal J Fox but my wee 12 year old fantasies centred around this skinny dude. Shame PiL went all shite ♥

## APOLOGY

Sorry  (I don't know his name), Emily couldn't be printed as the photo didn't come out very well. She's a really cute kat though!!

Yup, there are some really cool boys out there, almost as interesting as the females I love. Jello Biafra, Ian McKaye, Colin, Ian from Sticky Fingers, Don from Cardiff, the Huggy Boys, Craig from God is My Copilot, Tim Roth in Made in Britain, Thurston Moore, Adrian, Joe,  from Glasgow + my fave guy ever Eric from Hole - John Peel is a pretty nice man too. There are all really cool but hey, I'm sure I'd survive without them....



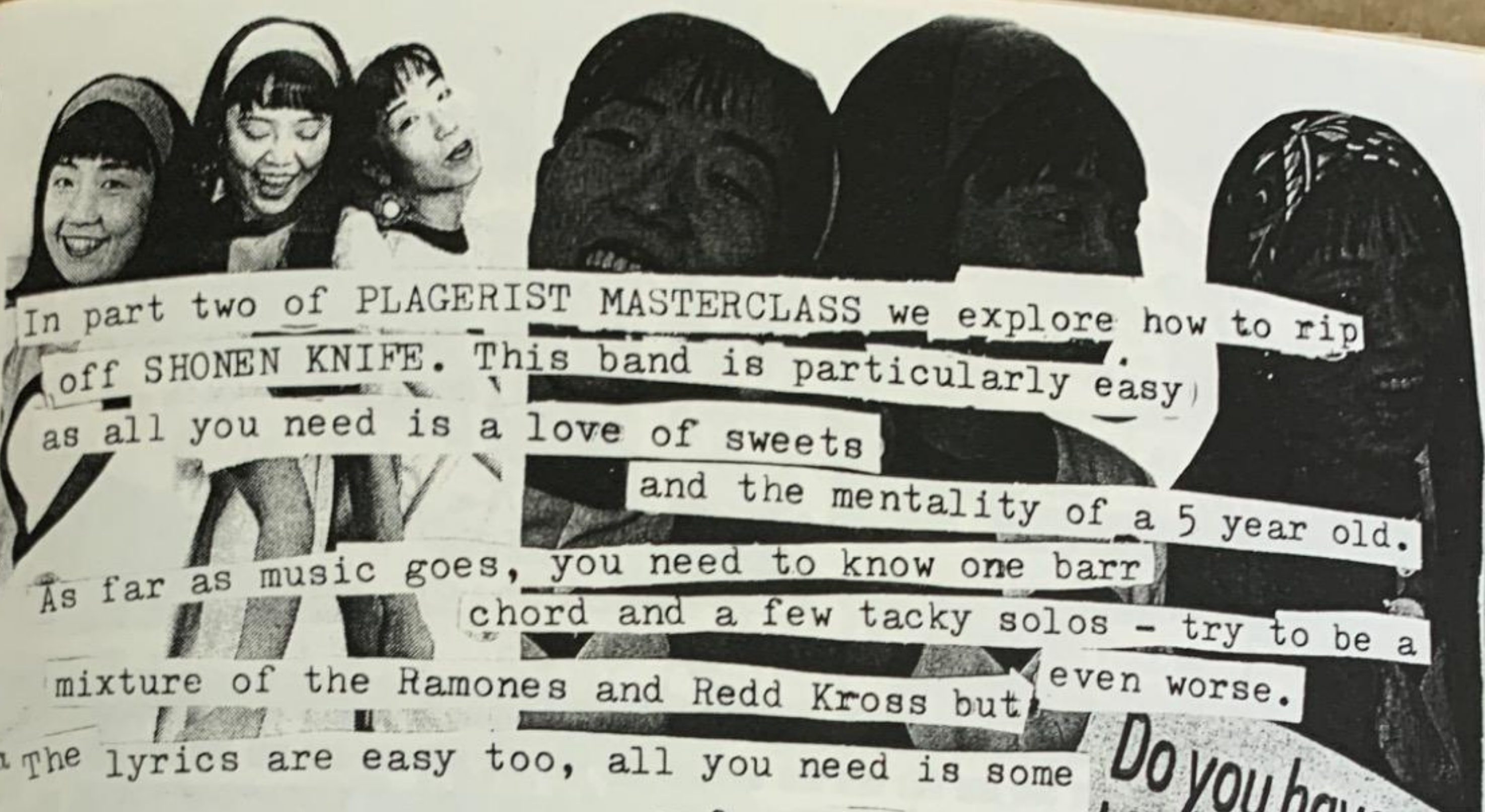


In a world that says telly is the answer when you are bored, it is fun to have something else to do.....

1. If you are plagued by shitty junk mail that has feepost envelopes make sure they leave you alone by sending them some sweet little neatly packed BRICKS - they will have to pay.
2. Write to Bang Bang Machine telling them what a piss awful interpretation of the excellent book Geek Love by Katherine Dunn they made with that song. Did you see 'em on the Word? I think the singer wanted to be Katie Jane Garside or something.
3. Organise a JUNE BRIDE party - everyone must go as a bride or a groom - girls only.
4. Make your inhibited male friends sit through at least 10 playings of You Suck by the Yeastie Girlz, actions and demonstrations provided by you.
5. Build a treehouse.
6. Discover the subtle, erotic and highly charged world of  
**Mills & Boon**
7. Kill a Rock Star.
8. Apply to be a contestant on Blankety Blank - oops, Les Dawson is dead isn't he? What a shame, it is a "National Trajedy", I will miss his cheery smiles and ever so funny mother in law jokes.
9. Knitt your bestest friend a Minnie the Minx outfit.
10. Make up a video tape that is totally made of adverts taped off ITV and Channel 4 and stick it on next time someone wants to watch **Emerdale**.







In part two of PLAGERIST MASTERCLASS we explore how to rip  
off SHONEN KNIFE. This band is particularly easy  
as all you need is a love of sweets  
and the mentality of a 5 year old.  
As far as music goes, you need to know one barr  
chord and a few tacky solos - try to be a  
mixture of the Ramones and Redd Kross but even worse.

The lyrics are easy too, all you need is some

references to -  
Christmas Boys you fancy Barbies

Bisons and various zoo animals

Sweets

chinese traditions that no-one else  
has a clue about

Avacadoes

Cats

To finish off the overall effect,

Would you describe yourselves as  
feminists?

All: "Nonononooo."

Naoko: "Feminist means feminist  
kick out men. And is very bad."

Michie: "Men and women should be  
equal. Feminism means that when it  
started. I don't know what the  
meaning is now, but I think everyone  
- race and country, different man  
and woman - should be equal."

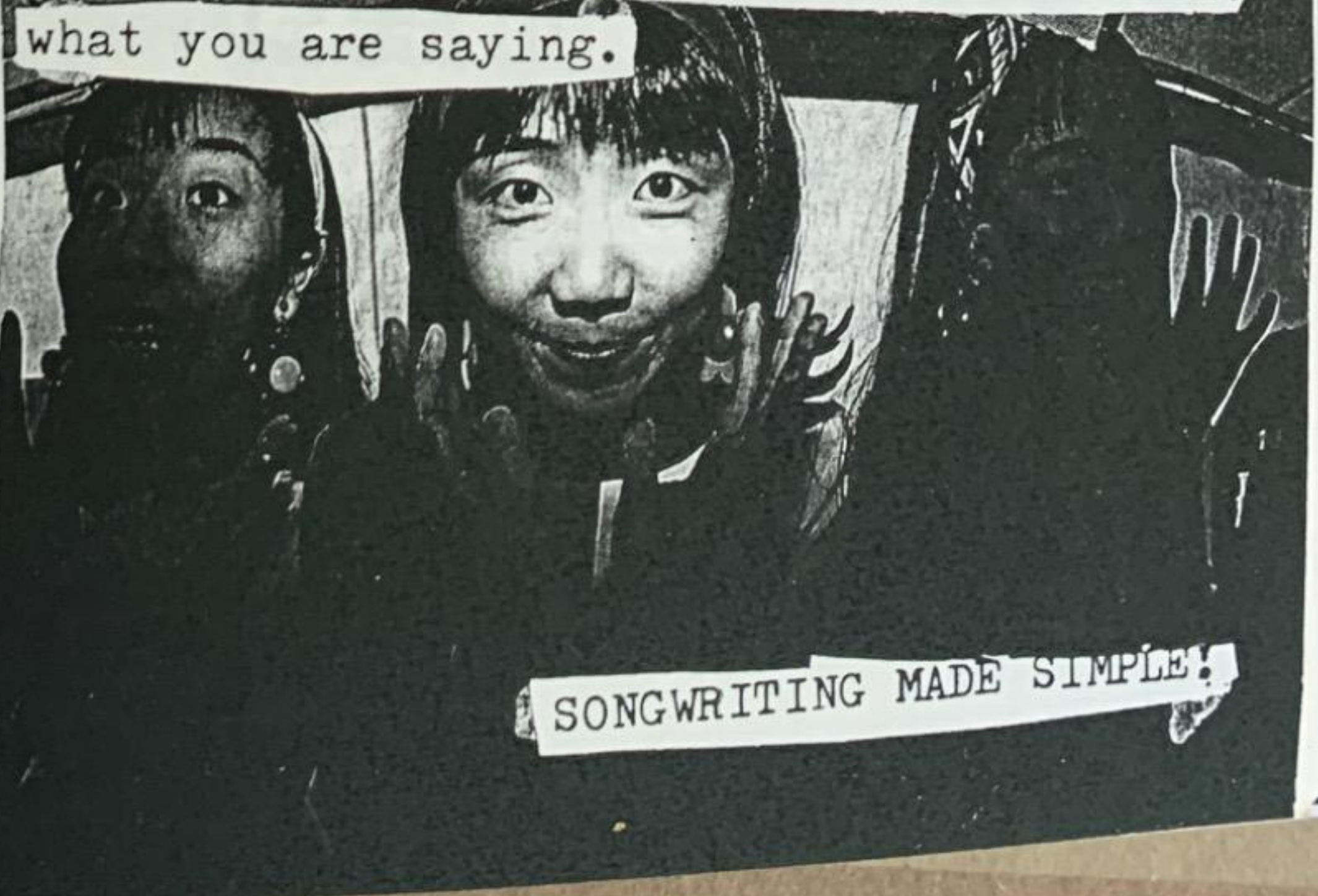
Naoko: "My answer very simple. I

like handsome men. (Mad tee-  
heeing) Kyrie Makareowen...

Macca... Macaraccarran! Twin  
Peaks! (ie Kyle MacLachlan)."

Michie: "And er Kee-noo Reeves."

sing in such a way that no-one can work out  
what you are saying.



SONGWRITING MADE SIMPLE!

Do you have  
boyfriends?  
'We are  
interested in  
delicious food  
and sweets...  
and tiny animals  
like the cat'



# GLASGOW WOMEN'S CENTRE

Glasgow Girls! Becoming a member of The Glasgow Women's Centre group means support is given to an organisation that is working for us - projects, space, events and resources designed to benefit women. We need lots of support as we get no funding because of Clause 28 and just having large numbers is very encouraging + powerful. It is only a pound + you will get more info through the post. Why not go up to the Womens Library near the art school just for a chat and more information. If you want to join, cut this form out below or photo copy it + get your friends to join too. ➡

## Glasgow Women's Centre

Application for membership of  
GLASGOW WOMEN'S CENTRE GROUP

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Membership fee £1

or Donation £

Please return to: GWC Steering Group,  
c/o Glasgow Women's Library, 50 Hill St.,  
Glasgow G3. Tel 041 353 3312



On Poppy's  
Tabby

THE CHUNES THAT  
MAKE ME FEEL GOOOOOD!!!!

Uh,uh,nuy,  
YES!!



UT-  
EVANGELIST

Turntable/Tapedeck

THE SLITS - TYPICAL GIRLS

Bikini Kill - Star Bellied  
Boy

Supercharger - Wayout

Coltageva now,  
I can't, I can't, I can't  
Cum!

CONSOLIDATED  
-DOMINION

GOD IS MY CO-PILOT - BROUGHT UP SHORT

LOVE CHILD - WILLPOWER

Yeastie Girlz - you  
suck

HUGGY BEAR - KATHOLIC KUNT

LARD - Can GOD  
FILL TEETH?

BRATMOBILE -

There's no  
other way  
(better than  
Blurs effort!)

MBV - SUNNY SUNDAE SMILE

THE  
MUMMIES

(You must fight to  
live on) The Planet  
of the Apes)

please please if  
there is a god - reincarnate  
me as the mummies!

Tribe 8 - Everything!!!

Snagglepuss gig  
"Your being observed!"

HOLE - Credit In  
A Straight  
World  
(so creepy!)

tiger trap - SUPREME  
NOTHING

Makes  
me want to  
get my skateboard  
out again  
SUMMER TIME!

Cunts with Attitude - Only  
straight girls  
wear dresses



# Damsels in charge of their destinies

WHAT'S COOL IN  
THE POPPY FACTORY

knee high socks

Supercharger

Superdrug

Grangehill on a  
Sunday morning

Yeastie girlz

Bugs + Drugs

Mills + Boon

Fake I-D's

MBV

ME AM IN THE  
SENSELESS  
THINGS! ME AM  
WEE + CUTE +  
LOOKS LIKE A  
GIRLIE!

WHAT'S SCHMOOL IN  
THE POPPY FACTORY

those stupid sock  
hats skaters wear

Superstar/teenage  
fanclub clones

Arnotts

Blossom

Shabba

Drugs - im sick of  
dope it makes u dumb

Sweet Valley High

I-D magazine

NME

Girls shouldn't  
play guitar cuz  
their tits get  
in the way

Well boys shouldn't  
have sex cuz  
their dicks  
get in the way!

Oh  
fuck off,  
No I don't  
fancy a  
shag



Fin in is a seedy tart  
Home + AWAY





Me and my partner in crime Sunni went to a June Bride party held by the Women's Library on the 5th - basically it was an excuse to have a piss up in stupid clothes + it was great. Arn't we little angels?

Some day  
my prince  
will come!  
=sigh=

It is the most  
important day  
of our lives  
Lucy!



Five

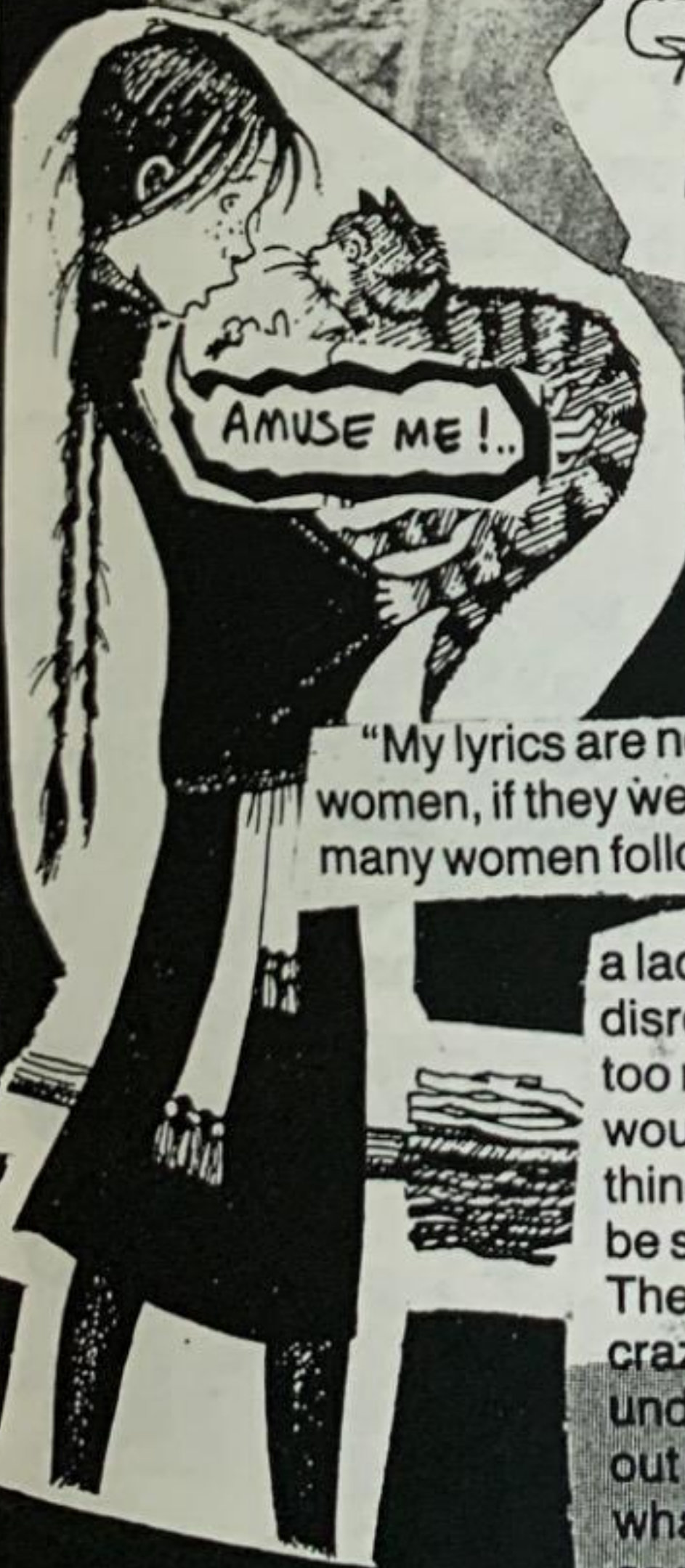
minutes

ago she

was

demolishing  
the house.

GRRRR  
POWER!



"My lyrics are not disrespectful to women, if they were I wouldn't have so many women following me. Why would

a lady follow Shabba to be disrespected? Crazy! I love my mother too much to disrespect females, in fact I would rather die than dis a lady. I say things females would like their males to be saying, and they love it, just love it. There are some white ladies who are crazy about it even though they don't understand what is being said. If males out there were brave enough to say what I'm saying they would be popular as me. What I'm saying is reality, that's why I'm followed by so many females."

"Check the woman's body like a doctor  
Use your ramer like a thermometer...  
Fourteen inches and it's gone further,  
Fifteen inches and she bawl out murder!  
Me a de Ramer"  
'Ramer', from the LP 'Just Reality'

SY SHABBA RANKS  
Shabba, this is not  
RAP music, it sounds  
like RAPE music!!



In my school I get picked on cuz I have blue hair and I don't laugh at the boys jokes with the other girls - those are usually directed at the girls - something about their bodies or their sexuality or how ugly they are + all the other girls sit there + take it + think I am sad cuz I sit there story faced. My school depresses me - it is in the middle of the most violent

When I am at school I have a lot of time to sit and think because all the classes are shit except art and I have no-one to talk to. I have this fantasy that I'll be walking down the corridor one day on the way to buy some sweets from Currys and this girl will be walking in the opposite direction and our eyes meet and she is like me. Her hair is in her eyes, it is unbrushed, unwashed and is a pretty shade of orange or something. She won't have on her uniform but a gingham dress or her dad's work jumper and her coat is nicked from an undertaker and it is miles too big for her. I have never seen her before and we stare at each other, incredulous at finding a kindred spirit and as we pass we turn our heads and she is all I can see through the crowds of tottering girls and fighting boys. It turns out she is a new girl and she is in my English class but I havn't got the guts to speak to her but I can tell she feels the same way and is bursting to talk to me. Later on I am kicking myself that I didn't do anything when I find a note in the pocket of my coat. It has a poem on it and has a bubblegum transfer tatoo with it - it can only be from her. That night I dream of her. I can't get her out of my head and I draw little doodles of her. Eventually I pluck up enough courage to smile and she is really shy and gives me a wobbily smile back. We start to chat a bit but it is akward + I ask her over to my house. She arrives at 6 and has brought some tapes, Tribe 8 and Toxic Shock Syndrome. She sits on my bed and I ever so slowly, bend down and give her a kiss..... And thats what I think about at school cuz I have no friends.

Council estate in Kilsyth, the school has a large electric fence around it + stubbing happen on a regular basis. The teachers hate me because they want me to be stupid because I don't dress like a "smart" kid - I'm not stupid, I never get any awards though, only the kids in uniform get those. I had one good teacher, Mr. Dolan an art teacher. He was 23 + Gay. Miss York Mr. Dolan.